

**Ready Families + Ready Services + Ready Communities + Ready Schools = Ready
Children**

**The 5th Annual Montana School Readiness Summit
April 15 & 16, 2010
St. Helena Cathedral Brondel Center in Helena, MT**

**Leadership and Collaboration Agenda
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This workshop combines presentations with interactive exercises to explain research on leadership and collaboration as well as to demonstrate the keys to improving outcomes.

Introduction and Overview

The Collaboration Advantage

A brief presentation and exercise on the outcomes which improve as a result of collaboration

Creating Engagement

An interactive presentation on the dynamics of inclusion

Break

Creating and Sustaining Energy

An exercise demonstrating the importance of promoting a supportive climate

The Transfer of Commitment

The features of high quality process are discussed and analyzed through an exercise

Lunch

Confronting the Difficult Issues

An exercise which outlines and demonstrates the skills involved in surfacing, clarifying, and resolving the issues which interfere with collaboration

Improving Group Decisions through Constructive Conflict

A presentation and exercise to allow participants to practice the skills in creating constructive disagreement

Break

Using Collaboration to Improve Program Success

A session which applies collaborative principles to the common purpose: creating greater goal clarity and a sharper focus on energy

Final Discussion and Wrap-Up

In addition and yet to be scheduled: there will be short sessions on Friday morning.

1. Advocacy Tool Kit – by Billie Warford
2. Early Childhood Business Summits – by Julie Ehlers (MT KIDS Count)
3. Best Beginnings STARS to quality – by Jamie Palagi
4. Time for teams to meet with Collaboration presenters.